

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (new). A method of transmitting encrypted useful data objects NDO to a first telecommunications terminal, which comprises the following steps:

in a switching component of a telecommunications network, providing an encrypted useful data object to be transmitted to the first telecommunications terminal with a reference for checking a suitability of the encrypted useful data object for the first telecommunications terminal;

determining, with the switching component, a profile relating to capabilities of the first telecommunications terminal to process a useful data object;

transmitting, with the switching component, a request together with the determined profile of the first telecommunications terminal to a data provisioning component in accordance with an address contained in the reference for checking whether the useful data object to be transmitted is suitable for processing by the first telecommunications terminal;

transmitting, from the data provisioning component to the switching component, information relating to a result of the check on the suitability of the useful data object to be transmitted for the first telecommunications terminal; and

providing, with the switching component, an encrypted useful data object in accordance with the information relating to the check, and notifying the first telecommunications terminal thereof.

Claim 23 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the encrypted useful data object and the reference are provided in a container object.

Claim 24 (new). The method according to claim 22, which comprises transmitting the encrypted useful data object from a second telecommunications terminal to the

switching component, for forwarding to the first telecommunications terminal.

Claim 25 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the step of determining the profile relating to the capabilities of the first telecommunications terminal comprises sending a query to a database of the telecommunications network wherein the terminal device characteristics are stored.

Claim 26 (new). The method according to claim 22, which comprises determining the profile relating to the capabilities of the first telecommunications terminal by sending a query to the first telecommunications terminal.

Claim 27 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the address contained in the reference includes a URL.

Claim 28 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the encrypted useful data object to be transmitted is also transmitted to the data provisioning component in addition in the request of the switching component to the data provisioning component.

Claim 29 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein, if the result of the check by the data provisioning component is negative, the information to the switching component contains a pointer to a data provisioning component from which the switching component can request a suitable useful data object in accordance with the profile of the first telecommunications terminals.

Claim 30 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein, if the result of the check by the data provisioning component is negative, the information to the switching component contains a suitable useful data object.

Claim 31 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the first telecommunications terminal, in response to the notification of the switching component concerning the provision of a suitable useful data object, transmits a

request for the suitable encrypted useful data object to be sent to the switching component, and the switching component thereupon sends the suitable encrypted useful data object to the first telecommunications terminal.

Claim 32 (new). The method according to claim 22, which comprises transmitting data to and from at least one of the first and second telecommunications terminals via an air interface.

Claim 33 (new). The method according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the first and second telecommunications terminal comprises a radio module.

Claim 34 (new). The method according to claim 33, wherein at least one of the first and second telecommunications terminal is a mobile telephone, a cordless telephone, or a portable computer.

Claim 35 (new). The method according to claim 32, which comprises transmitting messages to and from at least one of the first and second telecommunications terminal using WAP protocols or Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

Claim 36 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the first telecommunications terminal is part of a first telecommunications network.

Claim 37 (new). The method according to claim 36, wherein the first telecommunications network is a mobile radio network.

Claim 38 (new). The method according to claim 37, wherein the first telecommunications network operates in GSM or UMTS standard.

Claim 39 (new). The method according to claim 36, wherein the switching component forms a part of a second telecommunications network that is connected to the first telecommunications network.

Claim 40 (new). The method according to claim 39, wherein the second telecommunications network is a telecommunications network based on Internet protocols.

Claim 41 (new). The method according to claim 40, wherein the second telecommunications network is a telecommunications network based on Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

Claim 42 (new). The method according to claim 40, wherein the first and second telecommunications networks are connected to one another by way of a WAP gateway.

Claim 43 (new). The method according to claim 22, which comprises, following receipt of the encrypted useful data object, transmitting a rights object containing a key and usage rights for the assigned useful data object.

Claim 44 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the data provisioning component is a server of a content provider.

Claim 45 (new). The method according to claim 22, wherein the useful data object contains text information, audio information, video information, an executable program, a software module, or a combination thereof.

Claim 46 (new). A telecommunications system, comprising a switching component, a data provisioning component, and at least one first telecommunications terminal, configured to perform the method according to claim 22.